

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for capturing and distributing live content over a network comprising the steps of:

- capturing signals of a live performance;
- converting [[the]] said signals to a digital format;
- encoding [[the]] said digitally formatted signals into a portable file; and
- each time a song or act is completed, closing said portable file and transporting said portable file over a network.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- receiving said portable file;
- publishing said portable file for use by an end user; and
- transporting said file to an end user.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

- inserting a digital watermark into said file prior to transporting said file to said end user.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein said digital watermark is inserted by a brute force insertion method.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein said digital watermark is inserted by a subtle insertion method.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 3, wherein said digital watermark is inserted by an invisible insertion method.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
converting said portable file to a WAV format prior to transporting to said end user.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
converting said portable file to a MP3 format prior to transporting to said end user.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A system for capturing and distributing live content over a network comprising:

a capture system for capturing live content, for converting a plurality of analog signals into a plurality of digital signals, for converting said plurality of digital signals into a combined signal, and for transporting said combined signal to a processing and storage system;

wherein said processing and storage system stores said combined signal, converts said combined signal back to said plurality of digital signals, ~~and~~ converts said plurality of digital signals into a portable file, and closes said portable file each time a song or act is completed; and

wherein said portable file is transported over a network to a server.

Claim 10 (original): The system of claim 9, wherein said portable file is published for use by a plurality of end users.

Claim 11 (original): The system of claim 9, wherein a digital watermark is inserted into said portable file prior to transport to said end user.

Claim 12 (original): The system of claim 11, wherein said digital watermark is inserted by a brute force insertion method.

Claim 13 (original): The system of claim 11, wherein said digital watermark is inserted by a subtle insertion method.

Claim 14 (original): The system of claim 11, wherein said digital watermark is inserted by an invisible insertion method.

Claim 15 (original): The system of claim 9, wherein said each of said plurality of end users receives said portable file with a unique digital watermark.

Claim 16 (original): The system of claim 9, wherein said portable file is converted to a WAV format.

Claim 17 (original): The system of claim 9, wherein said portable file is converted to a MP3 format.

Claim 18 (currently amended): An analog signal capture and converting device comprising:

- a capture device which receives a plurality of analog signals and converts said analog signals to a plurality of digital ~~signals~~ signals;

- a multiplexor for converting said plurality of digital signals into a combined signal;

- a processing unit for converting said combined signals to a plurality of time-synchronized and locked digital ~~signals~~ signals; and

- a plurality of digital signal processors for each of said plurality of time-synchronized and locked digital signals for directing said signals, wherein at least one of

said signals from said plurality of digital signal processors is converted into a portable file.

Claim 19 (original): The device of claim 18, wherein said multiplexor is separated from said processing unit.

Claim 20 (new): The device of claim 18, wherein a digital watermark is inserted into said portable file.

Claim 21 (new): The device of claim 20, wherein said digital watermark comprises two or more levels of verification.

Claim 22 (new): The device of claim 21, wherein one of said levels of verification comprises a repeating code sequence that is encoded in said digitally formatted signals.

Claim 23 (new): The device of claim 21, wherein one of said levels of verification comprises a digital signature for said portable file as a whole.

Claim 24 (new): The device of claim 21, wherein said digital watermark does not degrade playback of said portable file.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of encoding said digitally formatted signals into a portable file comprises the steps of:

- converting said digitally formatted signals into a combined signal;
- storing said combined signal;
- converting said stored combined signal into a plurality of digital signals; and
- converting said plurality of digital signals into said portable file.

Claim 26 (new): The method of claim 25, wherein said plurality of digital signals are time-synchronized and locked.

Claim 27 (new): The method of claim 25, wherein said plurality of digital signals can be extracted from said portable file.

Claim 28 (new): The method of claim 2, wherein said portable file is published on a CD.

Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 3, wherein said digital watermark comprises two or more levels of verification.

Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 29, wherein one of said levels of verification comprises a repeating code sequence that is encoded in said digitally formatted signals.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 29, wherein one of said levels of verification comprises a digital signature for said portable file as a whole.

Claim 32 (new): The method of claim 3, wherein said digital watermark does not degrade playback of said portable file.

Claim 33 (new): The system of claim 10, wherein said portable file is published on a CD.

Claim 34 (new): The system of claim 11, wherein said digital watermark comprises two or more levels of verification.

Claim 35 (new): The system of claim 34, wherein one of said levels of verification comprises a repeating code sequence that is encoded in said digitally formatted signals.

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Claim 36 (new): The system of claim 34, wherein one of said levels of verification comprises a digital signature for said portable file as a whole.

Claim 37 (new): The system of claim 11, wherein said digital watermark does not degrade playback of said portable file.